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Applicant: Tsuneo SAKAMOTO et al. Conf.: 6280

Appl. No.: 10/054,787 Group: 2863

Filed: January 25, 2002 Examiner: LE, John

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SERVICING AND  
MAINTAINING THERMAL EQUIPMENT, WATER  
TREATMENT EQUIPMENT AND THE LIKE

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TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 14, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

**Amendments to the Claims**, including a Listing of Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks**, which begin on page 7 of this paper.

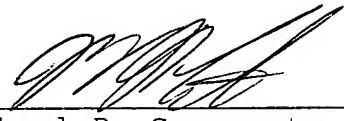
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	11	-	20	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	3	-	3	=	0	\$ 86	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$290	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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